

I claim:

1. A locking device for keeping interconnected electrical cords from separating from one another, comprising:
  - 5 a planar elongated device;  
a first set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots on one end of the device for allowing one end of one of the interconnected cords to be wrapped about; and  
a second set of staggered side edge facing slots on an opposite end of the device for allowing one end of another of the interconnected cords to be wrapped about, wherein  
10 pulling the interconnected cords apart causes the wrapped cords to lock into the device preventing the interconnected cords from disconnecting from one another.
2. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the interconnected cords include:
  - 15 a first electrical cord having a female plug end; and  
a second electrical cord having a male socket end for receiving the female plug end.
3. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the first set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots, and the second set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots, each  
20 include: three slots, wherein two of the slots are to one side, and one of the slots is on an opposite side located between the two slots.
4. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the slots each include:  
curved shaped side edge facing slots.  
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5. The locking device of claim 4, wherein the curved shaped interior edged slots have a C-shape with an opening facing to side edges of the device.

6. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the slots each include:  
rectangular shaped side edge facing slots.
- 5 7. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the slots each include:  
diamond shaped side edge facing slots.
8. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the slots each include:  
hook shaped side edge facing slots.
- 10 9. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the interconnecting cords include:  
a multi-cord adapter for interconnecting with more than one additional cord.
10. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the device includes:  
15 an upper single extending end; and  
plural extending lower ends parallel to one another.
11. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the device includes:  
an upper single extending end; and  
20 plural extending lower ends that expand apart from one another.
12. The locking device of claim 1, further comprising:  
a second planar elongated device arranged in a cross-configuration to the first  
planar elongated device.
- 25 13. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the first set of side edge facing slots, and  
the second set of side edge facing slots each includes spring ends.

14. The locking device of claim 1, further comprising:  
ruler indicia markings along at least one side edge of the device, so that the device  
is useful as a measuring tool.

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15. A method of locking interconnected electrical cords together, comprising the steps  
of:

mateably interconnecting one end of the first electrical cord with one end of a  
second electrical cord;

10 wrapping the one end of the first electrical cord about opposite side facing slots  
along a first end of a planar shaped device; and

wrapping the one end of the second electrical cord about opposite side facing slots  
along a second end of the planar shaped device, the second end being opposite the first  
end; and

15 pulling the first electrical cord and second electrical cord apart causing the first  
cord and the second cord to lock into the respective slots.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the slots are arranged in staggered configuration  
on opposite side edges of each end.

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17. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:

mateably interconnecting one end of a third electrical cord with at least one of the  
first electrical cord and the second electrical cord.

25 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:

mateably interconnecting one end of a fourth electrical cord with at least one of  
the first, the second and the third electrical cords.

19. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:  
snapping portions of the first cord and the second cord into narrow slit openings  
of respective slots, where diameters of the first cord portions and the second cord portions  
5 are larger than diameters of the narrow slit openings of the respective slots, so that the  
first cord and the second cord keeps from falling out of the slots.
20. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:  
providing ruler markings along at least one edge of the device; and  
10 using the device as a measuring tool.